

**BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS  
TRADESMAN & EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
May 7, 2003**

The Tradesman & Education Committee of the Board for Contractors met on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The members indicated below were present:

James Hollar, Chairman,  
Anthony Orange, Vice-Chairman  
Robert Kirby  
Michael Redifer

The following members of DPOR staff were present during some or all of the meeting:

Louise Fontaine Ware, Director  
Sandra Whitley Ryals, Chief Deputy Director  
Karen O'Neal, Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs  
Eric Olson, Executive Director, Board for Contractors

Chairman Hollar called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM

**Call to Order**

Mr. Hollar asked for public comment and the following individuals spoke:

**Public Comment**

Mr. John Strang – expressed to the committee the importance of having a licensed tradesman on every jobsite, even for service work.

Mr. Andy Thomas – addressed concerns regarding price issues, stating that, based on personal research, he does not believe that requiring a tradesman on every jobsite will raise the cost of any project for the consumer.

Laurie Crigler – asked the Board to address issues involving the relationship of the Designated Employee & Qualified Individual of a contractor with a trade-related classification and/or specialty and the individual holding the master tradesman license.

Ronald Lushbaugh – expressed his concern to the committee that without requiring a tradesman on the jobsite to supervise work being done, that there is no point in holding a Journeyman license.

Bennie Sours – addressed his concern regarding the workload of electrical inspectors throughout the Commonwealth and his opinion.

that requiring a licensed tradesman on the jobsite would reduce this workload by ensuring that less time is spent on an inspection due to work completed by individuals not properly supervised

Jim Underwood – expressed the support of the Workforce Investment Council in the requirement of a tradesman on the jobsite

Mr Olson brought two examination policies, approved by the Board for Contractors, to the committee for review and recommendation to the Board at their next meeting

**Examination Policies**

- 1) Examination results for tradesman candidates applying for a new license are only valid for one year from the completion date of that examination
- 2) An individual who has allowed his license to lapse, past the reinstatement date and, who obtained their license as a result of completing the examination requirements, will not be required to take the examination again, provided the content of the examination is based on the edition of the applicable code section that is in place at the time of the new application

On a motion by Mr Kirby, properly seconded by Mr Redifer, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the policies as reviewed and presented

Mr Olson provided the committee with an update on agreements of reciprocity with West Virginia and Georgia The West Virginia agreement is set to become effective on June 1, 2003 with Georgia targeted for July 1, 2003, pending the approval by the Georgia Board in mid-June Additional information was provided regarding preliminary discussions with Florida and Texas regarding the possibility of agreements

**Reciprocity Update**

No action was required by the committee

Mr Hollar declared a 10 minute recess at 10 55

**Recess**

The meeting was reconvened at 11 05

**Reconvening of Meeting**

The committee was provided with a review of the regulatory process prior to a discussion and review of regulations. The committee was reminded that the NOIRA had been approved and, as a result of that approval, the Board had tasked the committee with developing draft regulations for review and adoption as proposed Mr Olson presented

**Review of Contractor Regulations**

draft regulations to the committee that were based on a compilation of items previously discussed at Board and Committee meetings

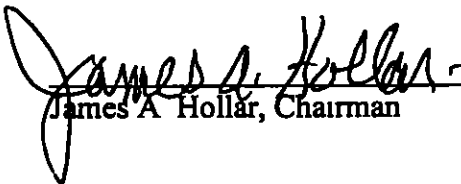
The committee reviewed and made several amendments to the draft regulations answering questions and listening to items from citizens in attendance At 1 10 the committee was reminded that two members were required to leave no later than 1 30 in order to chair Informal Fact Finding Conferences The committee decided to continue the review at the next scheduled meeting, which they agreed to be held at 10 00 AM on Wednesday, June 25, 2003

The committee members were reminded to complete travel vouchers and Conflict of Interest forms

**Travel Vouchers  
and Conflict  
Forms**

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 1 20 PM.

**Adjournment**

  
James A. Hollar, Chairman

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Date